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## Does It Happen Only to Cinderella?

*Jenny Perkins*

When I was a little girl  
I used to pretend that I was a princess  
Trapped in a tower  
Waiting for my prince to rescue me

On the first day of kindergarten I thought I had met him  
His name was Billy Ryan  
He sat next to me  
But it did not work out because he was convinced that girls had cooties

In junior high I thought I'd found him for sure  
Peter Scott was his name  
We were inseparable for three years  
Until he moved with his family to California

In high school we met in bio lab  
Adam Prince was my partner  
He was my date to Senior Prom  
It ended when he decided to go back packing through Europe to find his inner self

We bumped into each other in our dorm  
Steve Parker was the man of my dreams  
We helped each other get through midterms and finals  
After two years he felt that we were better off as friends

I finally met the perfect man  
The encounter did not involve a ball or a missing glass slipper  
I never met my fairy grandmother  
It was not a fairy tale

Though I did meet him at a dinner dance  
Though I was wearing a \$500 pair of Manolo Blahnik pumps  
Though my great aunt did give me her extra ticket to the gala  
Though we did live happily ever after

I wasn't rescued from a  
Fire  
Man-eating shark  
Or a sinking ship

But I was rescued from  
Being alone in life  
Does it happen only to Cinderella?  
No, because it happened to me.

